



RoboRave Rally tests Northern New Mexico students' critical thinking, teamwork skills

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Event sparks, nurtures interest in science and technology

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., March 5, 2015—Eighty-four teams of students from Northern New Mexico area schools test their critical thinking and teamwork skills building autonomous robots at RoboRave Rally Northern New Mexico on Saturday, **March 7** at Northern New Mexico University in Española.

"Introducing students at an early age to science, math, technology and engineering, the so-called STEM fields, is important for students and for the Lab," said **Janelle Vigil-Maestas** of Los Alamos National Laboratory's Community Programs Office.

Students from grades 3 and above work in two-to-four person teams. Teams from schools in Rio Arriba, Taos, Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Sandoval counties are scheduled to participate. These teams also will participate in the [RoboRave International](#) competition April 30-May 2 at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

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